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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on October 11, 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5,7-13,17-40,54 and 58-61 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5,7-10,13,18,34-40,54,58,60 and 61 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,11,12,17,19-33 and 59 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau. (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

Applicant's submission filed on October 11, 2005 has been entered.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 11-12, 34 and 35 are objected to because of the following informalities:

With respect to claims 11 and 12, in line 3, "wide area" should be changed to - -cellular- - and "first local" should be changed to - -first wireless local- -.

With respect to claim 34, in line 1, the term "for providing" is not a positive limitation but only requires the ability to so perform. Therefore, it does not limit a claim to a particular structure and does not limit the scope of a claim or claim limitation. Further, in lines 14 and 17, "first local" and "second local" should be changed to - -first wireless local- - and - -second wireless local- -.

With respect to claim 35, in line 3, "an equivalent" should be deleted since it is unclear what device is an equivalent device.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-2, 5, 7-10, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dowling (US Pub 2005/0170825 A1).

With respect to claim 1, Dowling discloses a hand-held device (Fig. 1, mobile unit 105) for providing communication between a cellular network and a wireless local area network (Fig. 1), comprising:

A first transceiver (Fig. 1, transceiver 110) to communicate with the cellular network using cellular signals (page 3, 26th paragraph and Fig. 1, connection 112 is a wireless network connection to a wide coverage area cellular network such as WCDMA network);

A second transceiver (Fig. 1, transceiver 145) to communicate with the wireless local area network (Fig. 1, network 150) using short-ranged radio signals (page 3, 30th paragraph – the local wireless access point 150 is an access point of a WLAN which employing a low power radio channel, e.g., HomeRF, Bluetooth, or short-range technologies);

A storage device (Fig. 2, element 225);

A processor (Fig. 2, element 220) coupled to the storage device; and,

Wherein the storage device stores a router software component to transfer a packet between the cellular network and the wireless local area network using the short-range radio signals (Fig. 2, element 225 processing data packets for transferring between cellular and WLAN networks) and an interface software component to add a first network service software component that provides a network service to the wireless local area network (page 5, 43rd paragraph – the configuration and upper layer communication module 225 is coupled to cause the loading of the software module into the software radio processor 220. The software module received from the first air interface is used to configure one or more lower layers of the second air interface),

Wherein the first network service software component is loaded into the storage device from a processing device coupled to the cellular network (page 6, 55th paragraph – when the mobile roams to a locality including the local wireless access point 150, a new set of lower layers are downloaded from the server 125 to the client. Wherein, the server 125 is coupled to the cellular network, Fig. 1).

With respect to claim 2, Dowling discloses that wherein the packet is an IP packet (page 6, 51st paragraph – a TCP/IP stream socket is opened for data communications).

With respect to claim 5, Dowling discloses that the cellular network is coupled to the Internet (Fig. 1, network 112 is coupled to Internet 122).

With respect to claims 7 and 8, Dowling discloses that wherein the cellular network is coupled to a corporate network and/or a private IP network (page 3, 27th paragraph and Fig. 1 - Internet 122 may represent a corporate intranet or a virtual private network overlaid upon the Internet).

With respect to claims 9 and 10, Dowling discloses that wherein wireless local area network is a Bluetooth wireless local area network and/or 802.11 WLAN (page 10, 80th paragraph – the system may be implemented with IEEE 802.11, HomeRF, and/or Bluetooth).

With respect to claim 18, Dowling discloses that wherein the first network service software component is a virtual private network software component to establish a secure link (page 7, 59th paragraph – optimization is supplied according to user preferences, e.g., reliability and connection speed).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dowling (US Pub 2005/0170825 A1) in view of Pham et al (US Patent No. 6,891,820 B1).

With respect to claim 13, Dowling discloses a mobile unit in communications with the cellular network and the WLAN network (Fig. 1). Dowling does not disclose that the router software component includes a local routing software component to route an IP packet between a first wireless device in the wireless local area network and a second wireless device in the wireless local area network. Pham discloses that an IP packet is relayed from node A1 to destined node D1 via node L1 in the WLAN 20. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include the feature of relaying IP packets by other nodes to reach the destination nodes in Dowling's system, as suggested by Pham, when the origination and destination nodes are not in a communication range.

5. Claims 34-37, 54, 58, 60, and 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dowling (US Pub 2005/0170825 A1) in view of Mizutani et al (US Pub 2001/0022780 A1).

With respect to claims 34 and 35, Dowling discloses a system for providing communication between a wide area network and a wireless local area network (Fig. 1), comprising:

Hand-held wireless device (Fig. 1, mobile unit 105) having a cellular transceiver (Fig. 1, transceiver 110) for communicating with the wide area network (Fig. 1, network 112) and having a storage device to store a routing software component that transfers a plurality of packets between the wide area network and the wireless local area network (Fig. 2, element 225 processing data packets according to different protocols for transfer between cellular and WLAN networks) using short-range radio signals (page 3, 30th paragraph – WLAN employing short

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range technology) and an interface software component to add a first network service software component that provides a network service to the wireless local area network (page 5, 43rd paragraph – the configuration and upper layer communication module 225 is coupled to cause the loading of the software module into the software radio processor 220. The software module received from the first air interface is used to configure one or more lower layers of the second air interface),

Wherein the first network software component is loaded into the storage device from a processing device coupled to a cellular network (page 6, 55th paragraph – when the mobile roams to a locality including the local wireless access point 150, a new set of lower layers are downloaded from the server 125 to the client. Herein, the server 125 is coupled to the cellular network 112, Fig. 1),

Wherein the hand-held wireless device has a wide area network address (page 7, 58th paragraph – the mobile client establishes a management session with a server, 125, 130, or 135. Herein, in order to establish a management session, a request is sent which must including the registered address or registered telephone number of the mobile client).

Dowling discloses that the mobile unit is coupled to the local wireless access point 150 (page 3, 30th paragraph). Dowling does not disclose that a first and second wireless devices having short-range transceivers to transfer a first and second packet in the plurality of packets to the hand-held wireless device, wherein the first and second wireless devices having a first and second wireless local area network addresses. Muzutani discloses a plurality of wireless devices (Fig. 1) having associated wireless LAN addresses (Fig. 3, originator ID 35) and communicating a plurality of packets (Fig. 3), to the hand-held wireless device (Fig. 11, devices 114 and 116

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communicating packets to device 115) according to short-ranged technologies (page 7, 78th paragraph – the network employing Bluetooth technology wherein Bluetooth is the most representative short range wireless communication as a wireless communication technology. Herein, the wireless devices are cellular phones and notebook computers (page 2, 19th paragraph). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include group communications among wireless devices employing short-range technologies in Dowling's system, as suggested by Mizutani, to relay interested information among the members of the group.

With respect to claims 36 and 37, Dowling that wherein the hand-held wireless device is a cellular telephone using GSM protocol and/or CDMA protocol (page 4, 37th paragraph – air interface module 205 supports a macro-cellular air interface as implemented in CDPD, GSM, PCS or wideband CDMA).

With respect to claim 54, Dowling discloses a system (Fig. 1), comprising:

A managing processing device in a first cellular network (Fig. 1, server 135 or server 125);

Hand-held wireless device (Fig. 1, mobile unit 105), coupled to the managing processing device (Fig. 1, mobile unit 105 wirelessly communicates with the communication server 135 via cellular network 112) and in a wireless local area network (Fig. 1, network 150), having a routing software component to transfer a plurality of packets between the first cellular network and the wireless local area network (Fig. 2, element 225 processing data packets for transferring

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between cellular and WLAN networks) using short-range radio signals (page 3, 30th paragraph – WLAN employing short range technology) and an interface software component to add a first network service software component that provides a network service to the wireless local area network (page 5, 43rd paragraph – the configuration and upper layer communication module 225 is coupled to cause the loading of the software module into the software radio processor 220. The software module received from the first air interface is used to configure one or more lower layers of the second air interface),

- Wherein the first network software component is loaded onto the hand-held device from the managing processing device using cellular signals from the first cellular network (page 6, 55th paragraph – when the mobile roams to a locality including the local wireless access point 150, a new set of lower layers are downloaded from the server 125 to the client. Herein, the server 125 is coupled to the cellular network, Fig. 1),

Dowling discloses that the mobile unit is coupled to the local wireless access point 150 (page 3, 30th paragraph). Dowling does not disclose a device, coupled to the hand-held device and in the wireless local area network, to transfer a first packet in the plurality of packets to the hand-held device. Mizutani discloses a plurality of wireless devices (Fig. 1) having associated wireless LAN addresses and communicating a plurality of packets (Fig. 3), to the hand-held wireless device (Fig. 11, devices 114 and 116 communicating packets to device 115) according to short-ranged technologies. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include group communications among wireless devices employing short-range technologies in Dowling's system, as suggested by Mizutani, to relay interested information among the members of the group.

Dowling discloses that wherein the managing processing device has a managing software component to enable the loaded first network service software component (page 6, 55th paragraph – when the mobile roams to a locality including the local wireless access point 150, a new set of lower layers are downloaded from the server 125 to the client).

With respect to claim 58, Dowling discloses that the routing software component tunnels the plurality of packets to the managing processing device (Fig. 4, at block 415, service requests and location packets are transmitted to the server from the hand-held device) and wherein the managing processing device processes the plurality of packets (Fig. 4, at block 420, the server processes the requests).

With respect to claim 60, Dowling discloses that the routing software component maintains a first IP session link with the first cellular network responsive to the amount of IP packets received (Fig. 4, the hand-held device, with an temporary IP address, is in communication with the server and the provider for downloading configuration data as long as the downloading has not finished).

With respect to claim 61, Dowling discloses that wherein the routing software component initiates a first IP session link with the first cellular network (Fig. 4, at block 415, mobile unit sends the request to the server) responsive to a signal from the managing processing device (page 7, 59th paragraph – the server establishes a server-side management session with the client).

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6. Claims 38-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dowling (US Pub 2005/0170825 A1) and Mizutani further in view of Yang et al (US Pub 2003/0027570 A1).

With respect to claims 38-40, Dowling discloses that the air interface module 205 supports a macro-cellular air interface as implemented in CDPD, GSM, PCS or wideband CDMA (page 4, 37th paragraph). Dowling does not disclose that the air interface also support CDMA2000, UMTS, and/or TDMA protocols. Yang discloses a communication system (page 1, 13th paragraph – CDMA2000, UMTS and/or TDMA protocols) for routing a call to a roaming mobile unit (Fig. 1). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include CDMA2000, TDMA, and UMTS protocols in Dowling's system, as suggested by Yang, to increase operational functionalities of mobile unit in different communication networks.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 3, 11-12, 17, 19-33, and 59 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anh-Vu H. Ly whose telephone number is 571-272-3175. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00am - 4:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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